



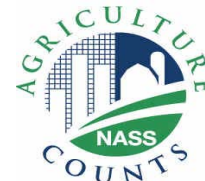
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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News gives preliminary estimates from Idaho's 2006 Peach and Cherry Inquiry surveys. Forecasted production is reported for selected states and the United States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Peach and Cherry Production Up

Peaches grown in Idaho are expected to total 9,000 tons this year, up 1,000 tons from last year, and unchanged from 2004. Sweet cherry production is expected to total 3,200 tons, up 88 percent from 2005 and 3 percent above 2004.

Nationally, the July 2006 forecast of peach production is 1.06 million tons, down 11 percent from 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Half of the 28 Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while 12 States decreased their production from the previous season, and 2 States showed no change. Sweet cherry production is forecast at 268,400 tons, up 7 percent from last year's crop, but 5 percent below the 2004 crop.

State	Sweet Cherries			Peaches		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Tons</i>			<i>Tons</i>		
Alabama	--	--	--	14,000	12,000	7,000
Arkansas	--	--	--	4,500	4,950	5,400
California ¹	73,000	52,700	45,000	436,000	385,000	380,000
Colorado	--	--	--	13,000	12,000	11,000
Georgia	--	--	--	52,500	40,000	42,000
Idaho	3,100	1,700	3,200	9,000	8,000	9,000
Illinois	--	--	--	10,600	11,200	11,500
Michigan	24,700	27,000	17,000	18,700	14,000	13,500
Montana ²	2,360	1,170		--	--	--
New Jersey	--	--	--	32,500	35,000	35,000
New York	900	800	1,100	6,000	4,250	6,000
Oregon	43,000	28,000	50,000	3,300	2,800	2,000
Pennsylvania ³	400	--	--	23,000	26,600	29,500
South Carolina	--	--	--	70,000	75,000	60,000
Utah	1,600	1,800	2,100	5,000	4,700	5,000
Washington	134,000	138,000	150,000	21,500	20,900	21,500
UNITED STATES	283,060	251,170	268,400	1,307,110	1,184,550	1,058,300

1/ Forecast carried forward from "Crop Production" released June 9, 2006. 2/ The first estimate for 2006 sweet cherries in MT will be released in January 2007.

3/ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

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